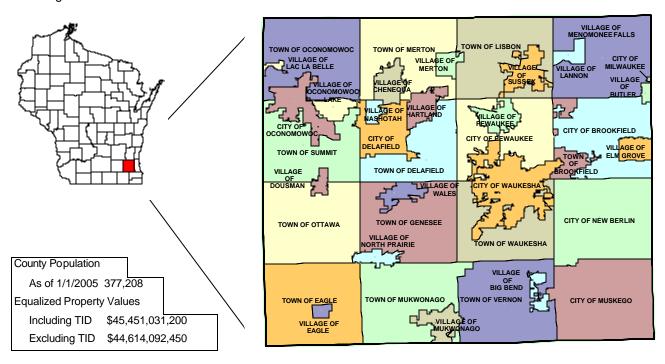
WAUKESHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN · DEMOGRAPHICS

Waukesha County is located in southeastern Wisconsin, directly west of Milwaukee County and 100 miles northwest of Chicago. Waukesha County is part of the Milwaukee Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA). The County has the second highest equalized property tax base and per capita income and is the third most populous county in the State. The County covers 576 square miles and consists of 8 cities, 18 villages and 12 towns.



	<u>Waukesha County</u>	State of Wisconsin	<u>United States</u>
2003 Per Capita Income	\$41,551	\$30,685	\$31,500
2002 Per Capita Income	\$40,828	\$29,937	\$30,814
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	Waukesha County	State Hwy (In County)	<u>Local</u>
Miles of Roads/Streets	390	245	2,270

See STATS/TRENDS Section for more information on Waukesha County, including data on population, income, employment, equalized value and comparative property tax rates.

BRIEF WAUKESHA COUNTY HISTORY

- In April of 1846 Waukesha County was formed with sixteen townships. Supervisors representing each of the sixteen towns were elected to organize a county board, elect officers and to provide for and build necessary county buildings.
- In 1965, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court ruled that county boards must equitably represent the population, and the Waukesha County Board switched to supervisory districts that represented an equal number of citizens, rather than the units system used previously.
- In April of 1990, a new form of county government was established. The first county executive was
 elected by the voters of Waukesha County to be responsible for the administrative functions of county
 government. The county board reorganized to better reflect this new form of governing. The county
 executive also has the ability to veto actions of the county board, and to appoint members to advisory
 boards and commissions.